

Appendix 3 - Section 19

2024 RTIP For Butte County - Fact Sheet

Summary

BCAG's 2024 RTIP continues a history of programming projects that are in alignment with local, regional and state priorities. Programming is focused on projects that better utilize the existing infrastructure in place and recognizing other needs such as equitable access and promoting infill development thru transportation. The project recommendations meet the requirements identified in the 2024 STIP Guidelines and are in alignment with the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) adopted by California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) in July 2021. BCAG is submitting three projects for programming consideration and one PPM project. BCAG's 2024 RTIP demonstrates the region's commitment to combat climate change and promote mode shift. BCAG's next ambitious project is the North Valley Rail Project for which Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds are requested. BCAG's Fund Estimate is \$8.4 million and is requesting \$10.5 million, an over programming recommendation of \$2.1 million. Investment total over \$17 million with local, regional and state funds in the 2024 RTIP.

Significant Benefits

The North Valley Rail Project is BCAG's next ambitious project to bring the San Joaquin and ACE Rail systems to Chico on Union Pacific rail lines, thus connecting Chico to Sacramento and to the rest of the state's rail system including High Speed Rail (HSR). The NVR system provides stops Midtown and Natomas in Sacramento, Plumas Lake and the City of Marysville in Yuba County, Gridley and Chico in Butte County. The new mode of travel will lower GHGs, VMT and improve air quality. The project will also open opportunities for affordable housing development and provide access to jobs via passenger rail.

Regional and State Goal Alignment

Each of the three projects recommended for programming are derived from the adopted RTP/SCS. In addition, the projects further the goals Caltrans, CAPTI and are in alignment with Caltrans ITSP goals and objectives. The projects proposed address safety and operations, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and projects that reduce GHGs, Congestion and improve air quality.

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR THE 2024 RTIP / STIP		
Agency & Project	RIP Funding Recommendation	IIP Funding Recommendation
Chico – Eaton Rd / SR 99 Roundabout	\$6,300,000	
Butte County – Palermo Safe Routes to Schools Project	\$1,000,000	
BCAG - North Valley Rail Project	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
BCAG - Planning, Programming & Monitoring	\$738,000	
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$10,538,000</u>	\$2,500,000